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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated November 14, 2005, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 9, 2004, Martin et al. (US 5236751) has been crossed out with no explanation as to why it was not considered. The PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of October 7, 2004, Martin et al. (US 5236751) has not been crossed out, but has not been initialed and no explanation as to why it has not been considered has been provided (the remainder of the items on this PTO 1449 were all crossed out as well but have been initialed on the PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of January 10, 2005. It is requested that an explanation be given for the Martin et al. (US 5236751) not being considered or in the event this is an oversight, it is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.